

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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For: MUSIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS)
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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claims 52-97 as follows:

- 52. (NEW) A method of distributing encrypted digital media content, comprising:
- receiving the encrypted digital media content;
 - decrypting the digital media content;
 - modifying a portion of the decrypted digital media content to include an ID tag
which identifies the location at which the media content was received;
 - outputting the modified digital media content; and
 - transmitting an indication of the outputting.